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Applicants: Cheng, et al.

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For: Ball Limiting Metallurgy, Interconnection Structure Including the Same, and Method of Forming an Interconnection Structure

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 6, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group II (12-29). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claim restriction.

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As set forth in MPEP § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though the application contains claims to independent and distinct inventions. While the inventions may be distinct for the reasons stated in the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that simultaneous examination will not present a *serious* burden. Indeed, the claimed inventions of groups I and II include subject matters that are commonly related to the extent that relevant references, if any, would most likely be commonly classified in the requisite search class, thus requiring a limited search for both claim groups. As such, it is respectfully submitted that there would be no burden, much less a serious burden, on Examiner to simultaneously examination all claims in the current application. Under such circumstances, it is respectfully requested that Examiner maintain all claims in the same application.

Respectfully submitted,



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